

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2152

Examiner: HIEU T. HOANG

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT – RCE SUBMISSION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants file this Preliminary Amendment in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 20, 2008. Additionally, Applicants file, concurrently herewith, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), thereby re-opening prosecution on the merits pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132(b) and 37 C.F.R. 1.114. This response is being filed on or before June 10, 2008, therefore, an extension of time is respectfully requested.

An extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, therefore, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of **one month**, up to and including June 10, 2008, to enable this document to be timely filed.

A fee of \$120.00 is due for a one-month extension. Additionally, the fee of \$810.00 is due for the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith. **The Commissioner**

is authorized to deduct said fees in the amount of \$930.00 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson's PTO Account No. 50-0786/2095.001200.

No other fees are believed due as a result of the response contained herein. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson's PTO Account No. 50-0786/2095.001200.

Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.